IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Specification as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/573,093, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VISUAL REPRESENTATION AND MANIPULATION OF PAGE FEATURES ON A PRODUCTION PRINTER" ~~(Attorney Docket No. 10432/31)~~, filed October 6, 2000 now U.S. Pat. No. _____, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application has been filed on the same date as the present application. This application relates to and further describes other aspects of the embodiments disclosed in the present application and is herein incorporated by reference.

U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/803,166, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF TABS IN A PRODUCTION PRINTING WORKFLOW", ~~(Attorney Ref. No. 10432/44)~~, filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend page 31, paragraph 1 as follows:

Alternatively, the operator of the job preparation station 116 may not know which tab sets 612 are on hand in the print shop. In this case, the operator specifies the insertion of tab separator pages 600 or other ordered media, the order of insertion and specifies any tab cut labeling, formatting, such as orientation, e.g. portrait or landscape, font and style, or other attributes and relative positioning of the labels. However, the operator does not specify the type of tab set 612 to use or the absolute label position. When the job is submitted to the production output device 122, the production output device 122 or its operator, using the interface 400, dynamically determines the type of tab sets 612 that are on hand and instructs the production output device 122 to fit the

specified tab separator pages 600 to the available tab sets 612. The production output device 122 then automatically figures out the placement of tab labels 704 on the tab cuts 702 for each tab separator page 600. The thumbnail images 404A-D are then appropriately updated to display the tab separator pages 600 as they will appear when printed to allow the operator to verify and/or modify the attributes of the separator pages. In this way, the operator of the production output device 122 can make the most efficient decision on which type of tab set 612 to use at the time of production without impeding the job preparation station 116 operator. For more detail, refer to U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/803,166, "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF TABS IN A PRODUCTION PRINTING WORKFLOW", (Attorney Ref. No. 10432/44), filed concurrently herewith. This functionality further offers the advantage of simpler document management. The operator of the job preparation station 116 need only associate tab labels and their attributes with the pages where they are to be inserted. If those pages are moved around the document, or otherwise the order is altered, the tab labels will follow appropriately. For example, a document may contain an index section, the first page of which also contains a bleed tab. That index section may be subsequently moved behind another tabbed section or deleted altogether, necessitating a change in the tab label positions of one or more of the tab separator pages in the document. When the document is ultimately printed, as described above, the tab labels will be appropriately positioned and output. This applies to bleed tabs created on regular media as well. In this case, the bleed tab label will move with its associated page and the position will be appropriately adjusted relative to all of the other tab labels at the time of printing.